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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK		
	04/26/08	04/19/08		
Broiler/fryer	166,653	168,876		
Light hens	1,301	1,666		
Heavy hens	1,712	1,558		

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD) LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL 311 Head 311 0 Head sltr Comparisons Last Week 333 0 333 Same week yr ago 236 0 236 To-date/2008 4,965 12 4,977 To-date/2007 3,393 14 3,407

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,878	1,571	3,449
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,882	1,494	3,376
Same week yr ago	1,262	1,280	2,542
To-date/2008	27,507	23,870	51,377
To-date/2007	21,204	21,585	42,789

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	165,918	1,567	1,571	3,138
Avg Wt	5.59	3.22	7.94	5.58
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,977	1,549	1,494	3,043
Same wk yr ago	159,610	1,026	1,280	2,306
Avg Wt	5.50	3.23	7.89	5.82
To-date/2008	2,610,449	22,542	23,858	46,400
To-date/2007	2,506,105	17,811	21,571	39,382

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.9 million head, or 0.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-08

	(A) 4.25 lbs	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	43,450	77,984	27,235	17,249	165,918
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.50	6.86	8.36	5.59
% of total /1	26%	47%	17%	10%	100%
Last week	43,254	78,447	26,622	17,654	165,977
Ava Live Wat	3.87	5.48	6.80	8.32	5.57
% of total /1	26%	47%	16%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,685	79,138	27,381	14,406	159,610
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.36	6.92	8.32	5.50
% of total /1	24%	50%	17%	9%	100%
To date/2008	689,758	1,255,458	397,391	267,842	2,610,449
To date/2007	678,853	1,289,195	350,166	187,891	2,506,105

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD		
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	\mathtt{TOTAL}	
Head	1,872	2,658	36	0	4,566	
Avg Wt	16.43	39.03	26.66	0.00	29.67	
Head sltr comparisons						
Last week	1,923	2,646	37	25	4,631	
Same wk yr ago	1,983	2,524	24	15	4,546	
Avg Wt	16.64	37.61	25.80	31.11	28.38	
To-date/2008	28,125	40,966	274	147	69,512	
To-date/2007	27,647	37,497	213	70	65,427	

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.